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pupils or the church that he *really* thinks so, unless he manifests his sincerity by attendance at the concert; and if he does not so manifest his sincerity, others will imitate his example, and take little interest in the S. S. concert.

Parents and teachers should not only attend themselves, but *should interest the children in the S. S. M. concert, and encourage them to attend.* We repeat the maxim, that children are always interested in that which interests their parents and

superiors. Now if they find, at the monthly concert, that their parents and teachers are ardently praying for them, they will desire to become interested in the prayers; and will, as it were, be

putting themselves in the way of receiving and regenerating and sanctifying influences of the Holy Spirit. Spiritual blessings always depend much on the circumstances in which the recipient is placed.

Manner of conducting the Exercises.
On this mainly depends its prosperity and usefulness. If the meetings are not interesting, they cannot be sustained. We can give a skeleton of the proper exercises: but to infuse a soul into

1. The time of the meeting should be as early in the evening as the employments of the members will permit.

2. The continuance of the meeting should seldom, if ever, be more than one hour. This is a important, in order to secure the attention of the

children. If the meeting is longer, the children will either not attend at all, or attend with listlessness, expecting to be wearied out with the protracted exercises.

superintendent. He knows or ought to know better than any other, the state of the school, and what will most interest and benefit the audience and has more time than the pastor to prepare for his task. (3) That he should read religious

the meetings. To do this, he should read religious periodicals; and whenever, in the course of the month, he meets with any thing to his purpose, he should immediately lay it aside for that object. If he puts this duty off until the day of the con-

cert, he will fail of feeling or creating a deep interest. The character of his selections should be various; for instance, one for teachers, one for parents, some interesting facts for the children and one or more extracts on the object to which

their contributions for that month are to be appreciated. These extracts should not singly occupy more than five minutes in reading. One principle means of making the exercises interesting, is

make each one short. At the commencement and during the exercises, the superintendent should say to those who take a part, "Be short. No exercise should be more than five minutes. The following may be taken as a guide to the manager."

1. The superintendent reads a few verses of Bible, and prays for the influences of the spirit.
2. One or two verses are sung.
3. Superintendent reads something for the tea.

4. He asks Mr. A. to pray for the teachers.

6. He reads facts to interest the children.
7. He asks Mr. B. to pray for the children.
8. Singing.
9. He reads something for the parents.
10. He asks Mr. C. to pray for the parents.

12. He reads intelligence respecting the benevolent object to which their contributions for a month are to be appropriated.

15. The pastor makes some few pertinent marks; or the teachers give an account of the classes, or any other pleasing intelligence.

16. The pastor makes the concluding prayer.
17. One verse is sung, and the benediction pronounced.

Here are 17 exercises in one short hour; prayers occupying about half of the time.

The number cannot be essentially lessened without impairing the interest. In this way, no difficulty will be found in keeping up an interest during the course. Such may be made the

the whole hour. Such may be made an interesting evening meetings we have, for no one can produce such a degree of mutual sympathy. Thus we are furnished with an answer to the question,—‘How can we manage to make our

S. concerts interesting, and fully attended. must have a variety of exercises, and make one short. Each extract that is read, and remarks each time made, should present a definite subject for consideration, to which

succeeding prayer may have reference. To an interesting and effectual prayer, at such a time, the individual must direct his attention to a specific object. When he thus prays, he will find that his thoughts are not his own free

warmed, and kindle those of the audience also, as he prays for only one object, his prayer will of course be short.

Much of the interest of the meeting, after

more must depend on the superintendent. He get his feelings interested by much reading, Bible, and prayer, about the Sabbath school, must feel that he is in a measure responsible for the salvation of the scholars; and must speak

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and Sabbath school, a few weeks since, we have the opportunity of giving a more particular count of the history and situation of that organization. We hope their example may stimulate

to the other similar establishments to renewed-existence. It is all important that our factory villages be attended to. They merit the continued prayers of God's people.

Extract of a letter from the Rev. C. K. Hyde

Since the first of September last, there has been an unusual interest felt here on the part of religion. The proof of it has been an increased attendance on public and social worship, and other means of grace;—closer atten-

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